

Resources for Grant Writing

[Debunking Myths About Grant Writing- The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

[The Foundation Center- Resources from finding funding to writing quality proposals](#)

[USDA Guide to Funding Resources- This website has links to grant funding and writing resources.](#)

[A Guide to Proposal Planning and Writing](#)

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance-Developing a Grant Proposal](#)

[Kellogg Foundation Logic Model Development Guide](#)

[State Of Louisiana- Grant Writing Guide](#)

[OMB Circulars](#)- Federal RFP's require compliance with "circulars" that are published by the White House Office of Management and Budget.

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance](#)- Lists most federal grants and has links to details about them. It is searchable by key words.

[Grants.gov](#)- Find and apply for federal government grants.

<http://www.google.com/alerts>

Get notified when your name appears in google search engines. Great for gathering information for your credibility file.

<http://www.grantgopher.com>

Your underground connection to available grants for nonprofits!

<http://rlch.org/>

Serves the needs of individuals and organizations engaged in collaborative natural resources management

Funding Database. Securing adequate funding for your collaborative or other environmental problem-solving effort just got easier! Includes funding Database where you can search by state, funder, or interest area.

<http://www.grantwrangler.com/>

Grant Wrangler® is a free grant listing service offered by Nimble Press™. We make it easier for educators, school libraries, and parents to find school funding. We list grants for teachers, school grants, and money for arts, history, mathematics, science, technology, literacy, and more. We also help education foundations, community foundations, corporate foundations, and other grant-giving organizations more effectively promote their grants and awards to teachers and schools.

<http://www.grantcraft.org>

GrantCraft collects practical wisdom from grantmakers like you. Then we turn it into guides, workshops,

videos, and other tools to help you hone your craft. We offer frameworks to help organize your work, make it more strategic, and benchmark your effectiveness.

<http://www.GrantStation.com>

GrantStation offers nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies the opportunity to identify potential funding sources for their programs or projects as well as resources to mentor these organizations through the grantseeking process.

GrantStation provides access to a searchable database of private grantmakers that accept inquiries and proposals from a variety of organizations; federal deadlines, which are updated twice a week; links to state funding agencies; and a growing database of international grantmakers. In addition, GrantStation publishes two e-newsletters highlighting upcoming funding opportunities; the weekly GrantStation Insider, which focuses on opportunities for U.S. nonprofit organizations; and the monthly GrantStation International Insider, which focuses on international funding opportunities.

The regular price for a GrantStation Membership is \$699 per year. \$99 through techsoup.

<http://www.usagg.org/page/page/1241694.htm>

<http://www.grantwriters.net/grant-siren.php>

Grant Siren - Grant RFP's and announcements released every day. Subscribe to get weekly alerts of new federal, state, and foundation grant releases, detailed information on large, upcoming grant opportunities.

<http://efficientgov.com/>

Search the largest database of private, state and federal grant available to municipalities and local non-profits. Grants added and updated daily! Fee!

<http://www.grantwatch.com/>

Fee based grant information

Resources for Grant Seekers

Business Related

<http://www.stemgrants.com>

STEM Grants features news, updates and a free downloadable guide to STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, and Mathematics) educational grants for K-12, educational non-profits, and universities.

<http://www.sbir.gov>

Small Business Innovation and Research - The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization.

sttr

Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) is another program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development (R&D) arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small businesses and

nonprofit research institutions. The unique feature of the STTR program is the requirement for the small business to formally collaborate with a research institution in Phase I and Phase II.

First Responders

<http://www.policeone.com/>

Powered by PoliceOne, PoliceGrantsHelp.com, a comprehensive resource for Police Grants information and free grant assistance, features the most extensive law enforcement grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities.

https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=59

DOJ Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

<http://www.firstrespondergrants.com>

Grants for police & fire

<http://www.firegrantshelp.com>

<http://www.firehouse.com/>

<http://www.emsgrantshelp.com/>

<http://www.Nationalpolicedogfoundation.org>

<http://www.firehousesubs.com/Foundation-Overview.aspx>

Resources for Nonprofits

<http://www.good360.org>

Good360 accepts new corporate product donations that can be used by our network of nonprofits. We also accept monetary donations from individuals to help cover the cost of shipping and distribution of product donations to the nonprofits that need them most.

Fee

<http://www.techsoup.org>

TechSoup is a nonprofit with a clear focus: providing other nonprofits and libraries with technology that empowers them to fulfill their missions and serve their communities. As part of that goal, we provide technology products and information geared specifically to the unique challenges faced by nonprofits and libraries.

Great prices on software and hardware for non-profits

<http://www.cristina.org>

We encourage companies and individuals to donate computers and other technology coming out of their first place of use directly to pre-screened local partner groups registered in the Cristina Network. These partners are non profit organizations, schools and public agencies in all 50 states, and Canada.

<http://www.Grassroots.org>

The mission of Grassroots.org is to serve as a catalyst for positive social change by leveraging modern technologies and best business practices.

Our ultimate goal is to adopt 10,000 nonprofit members and provide them each with an average of \$10,000 of services per year at no charge (for a total savings of \$100 million per year!). 6,469 Also offers free Web hosting to all registered US-based 501(c)3 nonprofits as well as registered Canadian charitable organizations. The free plan includes 10 GB storage, 1000 GB bandwidth, and up to 10 hosted sub-domains

<http://www.Naeir.org>

Companies donate their excess merchandise to NAEIR. Uncle Sam gives them a tax deduction and we give all the stuff to schools, churches and non-profits for FREE. NAEIR members can use all those extra supplies and tools to help teachers give better lessons, shelters take care of more people and churches provide more help for the needy. Everyone wins!

When a donation shipment comes in to NAEIR's warehouse in Galesburg, Illinois, the merchandise is sorted, organized and photographed for our website and catalogs. Each month our members receive NAEIR catalogs filled with all sorts of things they need to operate their organizations. Toys, clothes, books, office supplies, tools, toiletries, DVD's, crafts...even things like copy machines and flat screen televisions! All the merchandise is FREE—members only pay a small fee to cover the cost of shipping* and handling.

On average, our members receive \$18,000 worth of free merchandise each year**. Some of our Premier members are able to collect up to \$40,000 in free products and supplies! There's absolutely no limit on how much a member can request and we say, "The more the better!"

Merchandise must be used for the care of the ill, needy or minors and cannot be bartered, traded or sold. The merchandise can be given directly to the qualifying individuals an organization serves or used in the administration of the organization.

\$59.00 Basic Fee

\$9.00 Teachers

Teacher Grants

<http://www.digitalwish.com>

Digital Wish is on a Mission to Solve Technology Shortfalls in Classrooms!

Since August 2009, Digital Wish has granted over 24,000 classroom technology wishes and delivered over \$10 million in technology products to American classrooms.

<http://www.donorschoose.org>

Here's how it works: public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on DonorsChoose.org. Requests range from pencils for a poetry writing unit, to violins for a school recital, to microscope slides for a biology class.

Then, you can browse project requests and give any amount to the one that inspires you. Once a project reaches its funding goal, we deliver the materials to the school.

<http://grants4teachers.com/>

Finding grants is EASY with our Grant Search tool. Just select your state ... program category ... type of

school and find grants in just seconds! Plus receive email grant alerts and other valuable teaching resources - FREE!

<http://www.kinf.org/>

Free school supplies nationally to students most in need.

<http://www.neafoundation.org/>

Education grants for teachers

<http://www.teacherlists.com/>

http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/archives/grants.shtml

Health Care Grants

<http://www.raconline.org/>

Rural Assistance Grants. Providing communities across the USA with co-ordinated access to health-related programs, funding and research. RAC helps rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

<http://www.naccho.org/>

National Association of County and City Health Officials. Non-profit association serving 3000 local health departments. Contains information and resources for those interested in public health

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hsrinfo/grantsites.html>

Links to healthcare related fellowships, grants, and other funding opportunities.

Faith Based

<http://www.catholicpurchasing.org/>

Catholic Purchasing Services helps religious institutions throughout the United States save time and money on a wide variety of equipment, furniture, supplies, and services by consolidating the buying power of over 40,000 Catholic institutions. We negotiate with quality suppliers to obtain substantial volume discounts for religious institutions.

<http://www.charitywire.com/faith-based.html>

List of faith based charities. You can look at their tax returns and see who gave them money

<http://web.worldbank.org/>

List of faith based foundations

Military, Government other Agency Surplus

<http://www.dispositionservices.dla.mil/>

DLA Disposition Services (formerly known as the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service) is part of the Defense Logistics Agency. Our mission is to anticipate needs and deliver great performance to our customers through the reuse, transfer, donation, sale or disposal of excess property. 1033 Program

<http://www.govliquidation.com/>

Government inventory sold to anybody.

<http://www.govdeals.com/>

Government inventory sold to anybody.

<http://www.publicsurplus.com/>

<http://www.SlapSale.com>

A Business to Business /Business to Consumer online auction consignment house, offering assets from the United States Bankruptcy Court, corporate lenders, municipalities, universities, hospitals, and other businesses. Buy laboratory and technological equipment, electronic test and measurement equipment, telecommunications equipment, dietary and food service equipment, office furniture systems, power generation equipment, printing and copying equipment, vehicles, and recyclable materials, and more.

Internet and Website Resources

<http://www.ServiceSpace.org>

Free custom websites. Within a couple of hours, any cause can have a website up and running to help create more awareness about its program.

<http://myhosting.com/web-hosting/non-profit/>

Canadian-based company provides free Web hosting to registered US-based 501(c)3 nonprofits and Canadian charities as well as educational and governmental organizations. Unlimited storage, unlimited bandwidth, and unlimited hosted sub-domains.

<http://www.wix.com/>

Free website builder

<http://www.google.com/grants/>

\$10,000 in free ad words through google for nonprofits

<http://www.rockmymarketing.com/website-analytics-pricing/>

Website Analytics Packages: Install this software on your website and instantly start to observe everything about your website's traffic. Discover how many hits you are getting, where your traffic is coming from, how much time each visitor spends on your site, how many pages are viewed, which pages are viewed, and many more features. Plus, beyond just basic analytics this software allows you to see a

video for each visitor and track mouse movements, scrolling, and other behavior. This software even includes a chat feature which allows visitors to engage with you via chat instantaneously.

Data Sources

<http://www.metlife.com/mmi/index.html>

The MetLife Mature Market Institute is MetLife's center of expertise in aging, longevity and the generations and is a recognized thought leader by business, the media, opinion leaders and the public. The Institute's groundbreaking research, insights, strategic partnerships and consumer education expand the knowledge and choices for those in, approaching or working with the 40+ market.

<http://www.aecf.org/>

KIDS COUNT The Casey Foundation provides funding and technical assistance for a nationwide network of KIDS COUNT grantee projects. They collect data on and advocate for the well-being of children at the state and local levels.

<http://kff.org/>

Health data

www.countyhealthrankings.org

<http://www.city-data.com/>

A collection of data from numerous sources to create complete and interesting profiles of all U.S. cities.

<http://www.DataPlace.org>

DataPlace is your free online source for housing and demographic data about your community, your region, and the nation.

<http://www.epodunk.com>

Information on Cities, Counties, Towns & Communities

<http://www.census.gov>

United States Census data.

Survey Tools

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/>

SurveyMonkey is the world's most popular online survey tool. It's easier than ever to send free surveys, polls, questionnaires, customer feedback and market research. Plus get access to survey questions and professional templates.

<http://www.qualtrics.com/>

Qualtrics. Sophisticated assessments made simple. *Qualtrics'* online survey platform keeps you in the know.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/>

SurveyGizmo is an advanced (but easy to use) online survey software tool

Cloud Storage

These are free cloud storage options. Save your files in the clouds.

<http://www.dropbox.com>

<http://www.skydrive.com>

<http://www.adrive.com>

<http://www.sugarsync.com>

<http://www.docs.google.com>

Staying in Contact

<http://www.constantcontact.com>

Discount for nonprofits

<http://www.verticalresponse.com/>

10,000 free e-mails month for nonprofits

<http://mailchimp.com/>

Store up to 2,000 subscribers. Send up to 12,000 emails per month. No expiring trials. No contracts. No credit card required. As long as you've got less than 2,000 subscribers managed across all lists in an account, you can send up to 12,000 emails per month without paying us a dime. Besides getting access to additional features, upgrading to a paid account allows you to remove the MailChimp badge from the footer of your newsletters. You'll also want to upgrade if you plan on sending more than 12,000 emails per month. You don't have to be a nonprofit to take advantage!

Collecting Money via Credit Cards

<http://www.squareup.com>

2.75% per swipe for all cards

One simple rate, all major credit cards. Next-day payout Automatic direct deposits to your bank account.

Free reader, free app. For iPhone, iPad and Android.

Fast setup. Take your first credit card payment in minutes.

<https://www.paypal.com/webapps/mpp/credit-card-reader>

Credit card reader from PayPal. 2.7% per transaction.

Crowd Funding for Cool Ideas, Projects and Causes

Kickstarter

[Kickstarter](#) is a site where creative projects raise donation-based funding. These projects can range from new creative products, like an art installation, to a cool watch, to pre-selling a music album. It's not for businesses, causes, charities, or personal financing needs. Kickstarter is one of the earlier platforms, and has experienced strong growth and many break-out large campaigns in the last few years.

Indiegogo

While Kickstarter maintains a tighter focus and curates the creative projects approved on its site, [Indiegogo](#) approves donation-based fundraising campaigns for most anything — music, hobbyists, personal finance needs, charities and whatever else you could think of (except investment). They have had international growth because of their flexibility, broad approach and their early start in the industry.

Gofundme

<http://www.gofundme.com>

Online Charity fundraising

Crowdrise

[Crowdrise](#) is a place for donation-based funding for Causes and Charity. They've attracted a community of do-gooders and fund all kinds of inspiring causes and needs. A unique Points System on Crowdrise helps track and reveal how much charitable impact members and organizations are making.

Razoo

<http://www.razoo.com>

Crowdfunding platform for causes

Benevolent.net

<http://www.benevolent.net/index.html>

Benevolent makes it easy to give directly to help one person when it matters most. Individuals with one-time needs post narratives and videos about themselves and their needs. Each of these needs has a correlating validating statement and video posted by a nonprofit professional who knows the person and his or her need.

Missionfish

<http://www.missionfish.org>

MissionFish helps nonprofits fundraise on eBay (and PayPal)

Since 2003, MissionFish has been eBay's exclusive charitable partner, helping to raise over a quarter billion dollars by powering the eBay Giving Works program. In 2011, eBay established the PayPal Charitable Giving Fund, an IRS-registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization to operate MissionFish and further its charitable purpose of helping nonprofits raise funds through online commerce.

Petridish

<http://www.petridish.org/>

Crowd funding for research projects

Pollination Project

<http://thepollinationproject.org/>

The Pollination Project believes in the power of ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We make \$1,000 seed grants to individual change-makers every day of the year.

Fiverr - Stuff People will do for \$5.00.

<http://fiverr.com/>

The world's largest marketplace for services, starting at \$5

Business Related Crowd Funding**Crowdfunder**

[Crowdfunder](#) is the crowdfunding platform for businesses, with a growing social network of investors, tech startups, small businesses, and social enterprises (financially sustainable/profitable businesses with social impact goals). Crowdfunder offers a blend of donation-based and investment crowdfunding from individuals and angel investors, and was a leading participant in the JOBS Act legislation. The company has localized crowdfunding and investment to help develop entrepreneurial ecosystems and access to capital outside Silicon Valley. Its unique [CROWDFUNDx](#) initiative in cities across the US and Mexico connects local investors with local entrepreneurs both online and offline, and does the work to validate top local companies in each city across the US and Mexico.

RocketHub

[Rockethub](#) powers donation-based funding for a wide variety of creative projects. What's unique about RocketHub is their FuelPad and LaunchPad programs that help campaign owners and potential promotion and marketing partners connect and collaborate for the success of a campaign.

Somolend

[Somolend](#) is a site for lending for small businesses in the US, providing debt-based investment funding to qualified businesses with existing operations and revenue. Somolend has partnered with banks to provide loans, as well as helping small business owners bring their friends and family into the effort. With their Midwest roots, a strong founder who was a leading participant in the JOBS Act legislation, and their focus and lead in the local small business market, Somolend has begun expanding into multiple cities and markets in the US.

appbackr

If you want to build the next new mobile app and are seeking donation-based funding to get things off the ground or growing, then check out [appbackr](#) and their niche community for mobile app development.

AngelList

If you're a tech startup with a shiny lead investor already signed on, or looking for for Silicon Valley momentum, then there are angels and institutions finding investments through [AngelList](#). For a long while AngelList didn't say that they did crowdfunding, which makes sense as they have catered to the

investment establishment in tech startups, but now they're getting into the game. The accredited investors and institutions on AngelList have been funding a growing number of select tech startup deals.

Invested.in

You might want to create your own crowdfunding community to support donation-based fundraising for a specific group or niche in the market. [Invested.in](#) is a Venice, CA based company that is a top name "white label" software provider, giving you the tools to get started and grow your own.

Quirky

If you're an inventor, maker, or tinkerer of some kind then [Quirky](#) is a place to collaborate and crowdfund for donation-based funding with a community of other like-minded folks. Their site digs deeper into helping the process of bringing an invention or product to life, allowing community participation in the process.

Article on New Crowdfunding regulations -

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/chancebarnett/2013/07/19/sec-finally-moves-on-equity-crowdfunding-phase-1/>

Volunteers

<http://www.volunteermatch.org>

Search Volunteer Opportunities. *VolunteerMatch* provides volunteer information and listings in your local community. Find local volunteering opportunities now!

<http://www.volunteerspot.com>

Save time with online sign up sheet, volunteer scheduling software, and volunteer management software at schools, churches, sports leagues, and nonprofits.

<http://www.idealists.org/>

The world's best place to find volunteer opportunities, nonprofit jobs, internships, and organizations working to change the world since 1995.

https://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time#sthash.ABdXGbN8.dpbs

<http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>

Writing Aides

<http://www.naturalreaders.com/>

Listen to your proposal draft being read out loud by your computer before you submit it.

<http://www.perrla.com/>

APA and MLA style software

<http://www.grammarly.com/>

Grammarly is an automated proofreader and your personal grammar coach. Correct up to 10 times more mistakes than popular word processors. (fee)

http://turnitin.com/en_us/

Plagiarism Checker

<http://www.easybib.com/>

Free Bibliography Generator - MLA, APA, Chicago styles

Miscellaneous

<http://www.performwell.org/>

PerformWell provides measurement tools and practical knowledge that human services professionals can use to manage their programs' day-to-day performance. Information in PerformWell leverages research-based findings that have been synthesized and simplified by experts in the field. By providing information and tools to measure program quality and outcomes, PerformWell helps human services practitioners deliver more effective social programs.

<http://www.issuelab.org>

Annual reports, white papers, studies etc through the foundation center

<http://www.prlog.com>

free press release service for nonprofits

BoardSource

<http://www.boardsource.org>

The premiere voice of nonprofit governance, BoardSource is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations by strengthening their boards of directors. Its highly acclaimed programs and services mobilize boards so that organizations fulfill their missions, achieve their goals, increase their impact, and extend their influence.

Council on Foundations

<http://www.cof.org/>

This is a membership organization of more than 2,000 grantmaking foundations and giving programs worldwide. They provide leadership expertise, legal services and networking opportunities among other services to members and to the general public.

<http://www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/>

Federal Employees Charity - They have a list of charities they give to. See if you can get your organization on the list.

What donations to charities are tax deductible? Good article <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/overpromising-tax-deductions-65348.html>

Day of Giving Events

<http://www.givelocalamerica.org/>

Give Local America is a formal national day of giving

<http://givingtuesday.org/>

Giving Tuesday is a formal national day of giving

Miscellaneous

<http://www.winspireme.com/>

Raffle packages offered to nonprofits for raffle fundraising

<https://trello.com/>

Free online organizer - Highly recommended by a lot of people in my workshops.

<http://www.nonprofitcommons.org/>

Your one-stop source for blog posts and news from the world of non-profit organizations making a difference in Second Life

<http://varietythechildrenscharity.org/>

Variety the Children's Charity is dedicated to improving the lives of children around the world.

<http://wiggio.com/>

Wiggio is a completely free, online toolkit that makes it easy to work in groups.

<http://www.smartsheet.com/>

Plan and manage every detail of executing your event, conference, or show: due dates, task completion status, budget, and actual spend. Easy to share and update with event team, remote colleagues, and key vendors.

<http://www.charity-charities.org>

Charity Vault

<https://www.justgive.org/>

Online charitable giving

<http://www.biddingowl.com/about.cfm>

Free non-profit charity auction software! Company takes 5%.

<http://issuu.com/>

Publish your documents on line.